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Operation Safe Commute 2005

In an attempt to substantially decrease the number of traffic collisions during high traffic periods and to ensure the safe movement of the motoring public upon the Phoenix metropolitan freeway system, the Arizona Department of Public Safety in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety will implement **Operation Safe Commute 2005** November 28th through December 9th, 2005. In the past, the special enforcement detail resulted in a thirty-seven (37%) reduction in traffic collisions.

For the past three years **Operation Safe Commute** had a major impact towards the Department of Public Safety's and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety motor vehicle collision reduction efforts.

The success of **Operation Safe Commute** the past three years has proven that pro-active enforcement efforts reduce the number of collisions occurring during the times of specialized enforcement.

Operation Safe Commute 2005 will be implemented in two phases:

Phase One:

November 28th through December 2nd on Interstate 17 from Cactus Road to Jefferson Street

Phase Two

December 5th through December 9th on Interstate 10 from 67th Avenue to Jefferson Street

During **Operation Safe Commute**, the following areas of action will be stressed:

- \$ Reduce response time to collisions and disabled motorist.
- \$ Immediately remove any hazard or from the freeway.
- \$ Enforcement action will be taken off the mainline freeway.
- \$ Zero tolerance for collision causing violations

During **Operation Safe Commute 2005** an operational command post will be set up at a location within the target area. Department of Public Safety personnel and personnel from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety will be available to address the media and provide progress reports for the operation.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!

BUCKLE UP!